

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2008, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by July 12, 2008.

Claims 20, 22, 23 and 25-38 are pending in the application.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 24, 26, 27 and 38, as well as claims 28-35, would be allowable. In conformity therewith, and for the sake of expediency, claim 20 has been amended by incorporating therein the features of claim 21 and 24, and claims 26, 28 and 38 have been amended by incorporating therein the features of claim 20.

In addition, in order to address the 35 USC §112 rejection of claims 28-30, the U-plate or – plates 26 have been amended to read U-shaped plate or plates in claims 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33. This U-shape configuration of the plates 26 is shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

For the record, applicants would like to note that with the Sakakida reference (see Figs. 10A to 10C), the belt retractor is not rotatable relative to the holder part, in distinct contrast to the requirements of applicants' independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all of pending claims 20, 22, 23 and 25-38 are now in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to be able to resolve any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Becker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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